



INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEA GRANT PROGRAM

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This Agreement is between the University of Washington, Sea Grant Program, referred to as Sea Grant, and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, referred to as the DNR.

The DNR is under authority of RCW Chapter 43.30 of Washington State, Department of Natural Resources. DNR and Sea Grant enter into this agreement under Chapter 39.34, Interlocal Cooperation Act.

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide the DNR with facilitation and coordination of outreach, training, and data gathering sessions to support the marine spatial planning process in Washington.

Attachment A

STATEMENT OF WORK

Scope of Work

The 2010 Marine Waters Planning and Management Act establishes the goal of sustainably managing increasing demands on marine resources while considering current uses and planning for future needs. At the direction of the Legislature, DNR and its partners have identified a number of priorities for furthering marine spatial planning (MSP) in the state of Washington including development of data tools to support planning and stakeholder training and engagement in planning. As part of the State Ocean Caucus, Sea Grant participated in the discussion of these priorities and next steps and will conduct the following three projects.

Facilitation of scientific input from issue-based groups to provide technical input on development of data tools

Sea Grant proposes to establish and coordinate an independent technical committee (Committee) to provide advice for development of MSP data tools. The Committee will include academic, agency, tribal and other representatives, representing a wide range of scientific and technical expertise to provide a review of available data and data needs. The group may also provide input for developing a cost-effective system that is technologically innovative and meets issue-based planning priorities. The Committee would be established by late fall 2012 and hold its first meeting by early 2013.

After the Committee is initiated and for the spring academic quarter, Sea Grant would work with members and through the College of the Environment to provide students with a course opportunity to learn about MSP by providing technical analysis and review of data for three to six priority issue-based groups. In consultation with committee members and outside mentors, and with the help of the State Ocean Caucus, Sea Grant would work with students to: determine deliverables; communicate project scope at the beginning of the class, including deadlines and milestones; and coordinate meetings with the committee and students throughout the academic quarter. While Sea Grant would provide oversight and coordination, students would be tasked with working together to ensure that they meet the schedule for deliverables and, at the end of the course, with presenting information to all involved parties.

Deliverables:

- Identification of area specific experts from academia, agencies and tribes
- Formation of technical Committee to provide scientific feedback
- Provide student course on MSP that utilizes the expertise of UW professors and graduate students to provide feedback on data standards and data gaps

Timeline:

- Formation and first meeting of technical Committee by early 2013
- Spring quarter class begins April 1, 2013 and ends June 7, 2013; presentation of

student work at the State Ocean Caucus will take place on June 5, 2013

Coordination of marine spatial planning short courses

Coastal resident engagement and understanding will be key to MSP progress and success. Sea Grant proposes to coordinate and provide support for four to five forums and short courses from October 2012 through June 2013 in communities along Washington's outer coast that target planners, local governments and stakeholders. Sea Grant will consult with State Ocean Caucus agencies, tribes, the Nature Conservancy and other interested groups to arrange for speakers who can provide an overview of planning functions and process and the status of ongoing activities. Forum content will build on and update similar meetings that have been held to date. Sea Grant will work with Marine Resource Committees and local community leaders and organizations to identify convenient and low-cost venues and ensure that meetings are well publicized and attended.

Deliverables:

- Identification of stakeholders
- Preparation of standard MSP curriculum and messaging to be used in outreach activities
- Outreach activities on the coast to broaden the audience engaged in MSP - potential activities include workshops, presentations, brochures, Q and A materials, webinars, videos and meetings

Timeline:

November 2012- January 2013

Coordination and facilitation of work sessions to draft marine spatial planning objectives

The Marine Waters Planning and Management Act requires that the MSP process fosters public participation in decision-making and engages coastal communities along Washington's marine shorelines. Toward that goal, Sea Grant will work with the state-tribal-community team to plan and carry out a series of workshops and work sessions to draft MSP objectives. Meetings will be facilitated by Sea Grant or other university staff with experience in addressing multiple use issues and who understand the potential value of MSP to coastal communities.

Deliverables:

- Coordination and planning of a series of workshops to engage stakeholders in the development of objectives for the MSP process; efforts will include facilitation and provision of workshop materials

Timeline:

February 2013- March 2013